



# Manchester Urban Ponds Restoration Program

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## Common Fish Species of Stevens Pond

Sampled on July 11, 2000

Species	Number Sampled	Average Length (mm)	Average Weight (g)
Bluegill	67	110	41
Largemouth Bass	43	243	244
Pumpkinseed	20	130	55
Yellow Perch	14	237	179
E. Chain Pickerel	7	287	138
Common White Sucker	2	400	714
	153	234.5	228.5



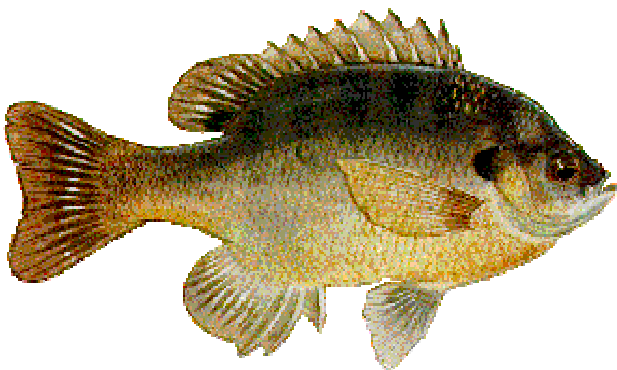
### Largemouth Bass (*Micropterus salmoides*)

- **Description:** Resembles the smallmouth bass, but the jaw of the largemouth extends beyond the eye. Also has horizontal dark band/stripe along its side.
- **Habitat:** Solitary fish found in quiet, warm, shallow, weedy, mud-bottomed waters.
- **Food:** Frogs, bait fish, snakes, mice, snails, and worms.



### Yellow Perch (*Perca flavescens*)

- **Description:** Golden-yellow with 6-8 broad dark vertical bands.
- **Habitat:** Schools found in quiet, warm, weedy waters.
- **Food:** Small aquatic insects, crustaceans, and small fishes.



### Bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*)

- Also known as “kibbie” this fish is not native to NH.
- **Description:** Conspicuous dark blotches at the back of the large, square-shaped, blue-black flap behind the eye.
- **Habitat:** Quiet, warm, weedy waters.



### Pumpkinseed (*Lepomis gibbosus*)

- **Description:** Resembles the bluegill but has a bright orange spot at the tip of the ear flap and lack of dark spot on the soft portion of the dorsal fin.
- **Color:** Breeding males are especially colorful with iridescent blue radiating lines on their cheeks and gill covers.
- **Habitat:** Quiet, warm, weedy waters.
- **Food:** Aquatic insects, snails, small fish, and fish eggs.



### Eastern Chain Pickerel (*Esox niger*)

- **Description:** Slender, long. Large mouth with teeth. Dorsal and anal fins placed far back near the tail. Pattern of dark, chain-like markings on the side distinguishes it from other members of the pike family.
- **Habitat:** Quiet, warm, shallow, weedy, mud-bottomed waters.
- **Food:** Carnivorous and eats golden shiners, brown bullheads, yellow perch, and sunfish.



### Common White Sucker (*Catostomus commersoni*)

- **Description:** Dark greenish-gray and coppery brown with black on its back. Sides have a brassy/silvery luster.
- **Food:** Bottom feeder that eats aquatic insect larvae, small mollusks, crustaceans, and various worms. With its fleshy mouth aimed downward, they vacuum up worms, clams, and, some say, the eggs of other fish. Prey species to the Northern Pike, Largemouth Bass, and Smallmouth Bass.